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My dear friends

It gives me joy to be with you to say the few words of welcome which, and is, immediate & direct to the Chairman's kind office.

Coming even east the shadows before, we are told, & the shadows of an soul of peculiar importance appears somehow to these forest of your presence. In reading the Christian Year for this morning (Sabbath Monday), I was greatly reminded of you: —

"Go up & watch the new-born hill

First trickling from its mossy bed

Straining the health-clas hills

With a bright emerald thread

And then her bold career for tell,

What rocks she shall o'erleap or find,

How far in Ocean's swell

Her freshening billows send?"

Just such bright emerald threads are you! Each having her own course, but all traceable to this, your mountain-home, well drawing inspiration from the life you live here. Perhaps there is a certain fitness of things in the fact that we live among the hills & that we were placed here in the good providence of God partly in order that your Alma Mater should always be to you 'a fresh thought'.

Perhaps this is up half. conceiving reason for coming here to confer
from time to time. May you indeed draw life, inspiration,
freshness, richness, knowledge & impulses from that stream
which you yourselves constitute with Ambleside yields you a
place to flow in.

In an instead like mountain stream making up living into
the plain in a very ^{definite} sense, because, though the mountain
are for delight & inspiration, it is in the plain men live &
work, you have your share (perhaps next to that of the parents)
in producing the men & women who will do the most to affect
our national character in the future. It is a great trust. I suppose
we all feel drawn to work, as did on Kester, among the
poor. But, perhaps, to work among those who will in this time
labour for the ~~poor~~ working-people on a wider & greater
with more ample success than we could hope for is also to
work in a very special way for the coming of the Kingdom.

Now that Kettle has suggested the Mural tone,
it is curious how the report I get of you from time to time
deals with the art- of mountain-stream qualities, if I may
say so, that I have indicated. You bring life with you into
the schoolroom, into the family, & sometimes, in walks,
through a neighbourhood. The new intellectual life of the
schoolroom is exceedingly wholesome for the children &
for you because it is a life which requires no artificial

the children to that. I closed mine simply the purity
which would not induce the soil of reading a divorce case or a
loose novel, which turns away ^{the} eyes from beholding any
coarseness in tale or play; the person who has this habit of mind
conveys it to his pupils. They grow up with a distaste for that
which is unlovely. But besides this purity, which is more or less
of the flesh, there is also a spiritual purity which the God
also renews & things in a true light. I need not tell you
that there is a 'common' way of looking at everything - a way of
bringing somebody down to a lower level, & spoiling the character
of the mind, as a room is spoiled by some vulgar ornament.
Beware of the commonness which quite good & sensible people
may fall into. The whole quality of our lives depends upon
the point of view from which we regard circumstances &
events. Taking this home lesson may 120, that, for example,
the children's examinations are intended to be a training in
integrity, & simplicity & that quiet way of accepting things
which marks a person of fine character. Therefore when I hear
that children are disappointed in not getting a question on
Rosa's subject, or in the marks they received, or any other
of the little things, one is inclined to pass over, I am sure
soon, because I feel that the children are missing the
good of a rather unusual & fine experience. It might be
well if you explained our point of view to the parents of you

Replies: That the examination itself affords fine lessons in conduct & that it is far more important for the children that they should not fuss about marks than that they should get the highest possible marks. I once heard of a family in which the children were allowed to make a rough copy of their answers & then a fair copy. It would have been better for those children not to have attempted the examination at all.

This also belongs to wisdom, which affects our way of looking at things.

The mountain peak has come from afar & has fathered much on the way; it gives me particular pleasure to find that social questions ^{will} occupy some of your attention during this Conference we are living in wonderful times when people seem to me ready, as never before, to go to the right if they can only see what is the right. Specially are we engaged in a crusade to work out the comb when in the body of Christ was laid. But that very body itself in the person afflicted from whom He died. It belongs to all, & belongs especially to those engaged in education, to keep our eyes open upon the social movements that are ~~foreign~~ ^{about us}; & boundless joy in The Child's Aid, not only looked about but spends such questions as those of Unemployment, Workmen's Insurance, Continuation Schools, the United Service League, the various fields of help & aid, more than all (for under this we are especially commanded) -

Small Holdings,
Empowerment
Movements,
Homeless Suffrage.

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missionary work. It is not quite easy to make ourselves at home
in question of vital concern to the Nation. Two dangers beset
us. In the first place the air is full of fads, some of the most
bad, of these without knowledge of the person who let himself
be ~~dominated~~ dominated by a fad, whether in politics,
religion or health, loses value; his opinions are discounted &
his principles are not trusted because the fact of taking up
a fad shows a want of balance. May, in this connection,
say one word about the immorality of using 'Suggestion' as an
educational instrument. Of course you can use 'Suggestion'
influence in such a way, as to make a child dream by
food & by force of your personality. The mischief is that when
you are done with him, he will go about the world ~~to the end~~
~~of his days~~ ~~breeding~~ breeding for suggestion, laying himself open to
suggestion. He will have no will-power, will be incapable of
self-government & self-direction, all because in his early
years persons followed the line of least resistance &
brought him upon an 'Suggestion'. But I know I need not
warn you ~~about~~ this danger. Home Education are always open
& alert to ~~the~~ in their dealings with children. They ~~find~~
~~themselves~~ ~~are~~ ~~quite~~ ~~single~~ ~~in~~ ~~this~~ ~~way~~.

Whether difficult in your path will be that most questions
have become party questions. I do not wish to give you a
council of perfection but, for my own part, I feel that as an

educator I may not be a partisan, that is, may not take up any side so exclusively as to be ~~prejudiced~~ prejudiced against or bitter towards those on the other side. The question of politics will not be forgotten. Most parents think it their right to pass their own views on to their children. These views I have no doubt you will treat with the most serious respect, but you will also remember that children are by nature fiery partisans, & you will best serve them both by showing them good reason for the faith that is in them & by giving them a fair presentation of the other side. ^{by setting them free} That in England we think that it is best for both the ^{major} parties to have the Government of the State in turn so that the country may have the full benefit of the wise opinions & the wise men on both sides. But to do this requires knowledge & I commend to you careful reading such works on social problems as may come in your way. In your ^{teaching} ~~teaching~~ of history you will have occasion to bring the past to bear on the present & you will notice that the books for the various classes are arranged with a view to this practical sort of teaching. I rather think your aim should be, not to give your children ready-made opinions, on this side or that, but to secure their intelligent interest in a wide range of reading designed to make them think. In this way they will by slow degrees, & unconsciously, avoid all first opinions. There is rather an ^{interesting} ~~interesting~~ small boy in Punch just now who plays havoc with his father's opinions in a destructive way. Little Arthur's

Guide to Knowledge is worth reading.

The main advantage of a source in the mountains is that a stream comes down with a certain impetuous impetus, movement, go, & this movement & brightness I believe you carry into all your work whether in the schoolroom, at table, at play, or in the fields. But don't take it for granted. There is nothing easier than to stagnate, or it is possible to stagnate unconsciously. In the old days the church of the land used to recognize seven deadly sins, one of these was Sloth. We may as well be now waked against this forgotten sin because I believe it is one which especially besets teachers. They fall into a certain routine & the mere habit of doing things in a firm way carries conviction. We reason that because we do it so that is the right way to do it & we get into ways of intellectual sluggishness. One particular way of teaching has its own temptations. Just because our principle is that the children shall do the work, we may be tempted to let by or see them do it, forgetting that it is our part to give impetus to their thought, not to mind take but to arouse alertness of mind, ready sympathy & thorough knowledge of the subject. The child who admires a fine action should be able to look up & see that you also are admiring; when he disappears, he should see that you are with him or that you can share him to the core. This constant out-going of mind & heart, rather in an attitude towards the subject we are teaching

than in words, constitutes the sort of steady, ~~impulsive~~ ^{impulsive} vitality which carries the children along with you in the pursuit of knowledge & virtue, as when two or three join hands in running down hill.

The way is covered with joy & without labour.

But I hope the impetus you bring with you is not necessarily confined to making the work of your pupils go. I know you will call you mean to spread the light. I often hear of talks in which one or another of you has taken pains to move our principles & ideas with delightful results. Some of you from Reading Circle, some address meetings of one sort or another. What you do will of course depend a good deal on the wishes of ^{that} ~~your~~ important person your 'Patron'. The best way is to keep it in mind that you have a definite work to do in this respect, & then push it to what comes in ^{your} ~~their~~ way.

One other quality you bring from your mountain tops & that is inspiration. But a man does not inspire once in a lifetime or once in a day. He keeps himself alive by regular acts of inspiration. You have come here now, no doubt, for a little of the old mountain air, for a wind of the old inspirations & aspirations. But you must draw from our sources at all times. Your definite & distinct code of educational principles must be kept fresh in your minds by reading & re-reading your books & reports. It really is an easy thing to keep the whole in mind. I often find myself there to go through a laborious course of thought

to find out what it is best to do this rather than the other.
 But, because you are pioneers in bringing the before the world
 principles of education, the success of which you demonstrate very
 fully in your very good & fruitful work, ~~for this very reason~~ it is
 necessary that you should keep your principles well in view & be
 always ready to show the reason for ^{your} ~~the~~ faith that is in you.
 And this is our your professional inspiration. I think you do not
 need that I should say a word of the wider, fuller, inspiration to
 be derived from great books, poetry, science, from great pictures,
 from the talk of those who think for us, from continual converse
 with nature & above all from the direct inspiration of the ~~Divine~~
 Divine Spirit, who openeth our ears & our memory by morning.
 We think of your work with great joy & thankfulness, for we
 you will be doing a noble task, not each one of you should be
 only for the whole College but for the whole of the Parish Union?
 That is how you are known & read of all men for failing as we
 regard it as yours (not as those of the body to which you belong).
 That is why by your feelings you are known: it is by your
 excellencies. People will love you for your goodness, saying that other
 ministers have accomplishment but you have character & you
 have the true character, indeed, I think no body can have
 more than you rejoice with members then we have ~~very~~ rejoice in you.
 May you go on & prosper "giving us offence in anything that the
 ministry" (our particular ministry of education) "be not blamed".

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Let us all things ascribing ourselves to kindness, to
knowledge, to long-suffering, to kindness, to the Holy Spirit, to
the unfeigned, to the word of truth, to the power of God, to the communion
of righteousness on the right hand & on the left".

I am always, dear friends,

Yours truly,

Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Great War.

Life, every body's life, every creature's life, has
 for several decades been becoming increasingly
 precarious to us; & the thought of suffering is
 unbearable, we would away with discomfort
 & ^{from} the ^{unpleasant} life ^{to} a
 few ^{times} a change, as we say, of a good life.
 Then suddenly, ^{unexpect-} ^{edly} ^{pre-} ^{sumed} ^{upon} ^{the} ^{best}
 & delicate, ^{from} ^{of} ^{the} ^{mind}, bursts an
 awful ^{burst} ^{overwhelming} ^{like} ^{the} ^{spring}
 of a tiger on a chest ^{plunging} ^{on} ^{the} ^{edge} ^{of} ^{the} ^{ground}.
 Consideration ^{edges} ^{us}, we feel that we have
 lost centuries of progress. But we are ^{plunged}
 out of high civilization into ^{material} ^{material}
 barbarism. Day ^{and} ^{night}, little or no ^{has}
 been ^{stunned}, we open our eyes every
 day ^{looking} ^{not} ^{only} ^{our} ^{own} ^{streets} ^{but}
 most of the people we ^{encounter} ^{are} ^{to} ^{be} ^{dead}
 (who could read without a Bill ^{but} ^{tale} ^{of} ^{the} ^{small}
 patrol boat which ^{deliberately} ^{was} ^{run} ^{into} ^a ^{mine} ^{on} ^{the}
 Baltic & ^{sank} ^{the} ^{prize} ^{ship} ^{which} ^{was} ^{the} ^{last}
 to be ^{warped} ⁱⁿ ^{any} ^{other} ^{way}.) ^{Further} ^{on}
 (in ^{the} ^{mid-} ^{West} ^{the} ^{whole} ^{part} ^{of} ^{the} ^{adventure}
 we ^{know} ^{all}, ^{knowing} ⁱⁿ ^{general}, ^{and}

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What things we really care for something
not to shake off the harness of ^{easy going} ~~the harness~~

Now is another man's expressing
himself in the paper & that of peace and
unity - made on island I think of the things
around us - we are not going to himself, in our day
his very children, home where he, his party
which Church, at a long way from his party
his country, but has discovered that I think
is not only more so than he knew, but different
from anything that his friends will account for.

My own, Walter or someone, the paper or paper
has one surprise but compared with what
nothing else counts - the love of his country.
How I - came to be here he doesn't know, or perhaps
after, perhaps rightly, the death of patriotism is
all Christianity or patriotism - all the same, that
master passion has got into the heads of
all of us, we may intend the like intention of
cosmopolitanism, but patriotism is the
whetter, we will or no. "He shall release it
than the world up to people that I want to see.
A man begins a great life when he discovers
that there is more in him than he has put there
in. Then he is all right."

Longer. The things we are so much afraid of
just that with our good created us. We may

well believe that War is bringing her to, spiritual
 Reprobation, & certainly we know that her
 patriotism is even more pronounced than our
 own. But when we consider the Call for which
 we ought to Allie's money, surely thank God
 of late coverage, bodies not desire war, we make
 every honorable effort to avoid it, when at
 last is declared war, it was not for national
 aggrandizement nor even for national defenses,
 but purely for the recovery of the national assets
 of a lesser nation which had suffered a small
 infernal treatment. Therefore, God defend
 the right is the motto on everyman's invisible
 shield, therefore, our arms are safe in the
 trenches, invulnerable under attack, that just
 in honorable purpose never to lay down
 arms till the sun shall be down with
 him & the people of the most despised nation
 shall feel safe in the land, because not only
 a great nation, an ally of great nations
 has been conquered, but because the King
 of Judah's has been expelled
 from the thrones of Europe.

Longer, we have everything in our power; a
courageous Cause, & dead past purposes & noble
pity, & a worthy Rebelliousness. But we cannot
blame ourselves deliberately from here to
now, less by appearance of ours as just sanction
to any hopes of late, but by any presentment
we read false hopes. But we shall fight at
last, & also that we feel to face our enemy.

This must bring of Christian precepts
is saying to better ourselves, especially
to those of children for how can we forgive
the enemy when it is our business to
slay them? Again we must try to discern the
signs of the times, but before we do so we must
concern the enemy. I may be as well to ask
ourselves, what the divine presence connotes
in our lower way of talking & thinking we
assume that it contains little or nothing
of a real ~~promise~~ of punishment, but if we
look into our own hearts we shall know that we
have been forgiven a thousand times, are forgiven
hundred times a day, but that the forgiveness we get
is a state of mind, not a relief from the
natural punishment of our offenses. ^{Results} ~~Results~~
we have no right in giving a child to set
him off the deprivation due to his offenses, anyway

It is possible that what appears to be
 a fundamental change of our intellectual position
 is due to a change in the way of our point
 of view. In the light of this, however, we may
 be a little more than a little surprised
 to find that our new position is not
 that far from the old one, as regards the
 results of the life of long years. But the
 progress of science has been so rapid
 that perhaps we have not been able to
 keep up with it. We have been too busy
 with the old, to notice the new. We have
 been too busy with the old, to notice the new.
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It is true that the question of the new is
 always to be found in the field. In a great many
 cases the appearance of a new of appearance is
 different from the old. It is a new of appearance
 by the assumption that it is a new of appearance.
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we have killed it all - & we are ready
 to receive, personally, any letter & find through it
 may suggest, to the Lord, & we are about to pay
 money - for a steady nation of letters & other
 news - paper & send them - others to the cause -
 dangerous service. That is, a lot of
 all kinds of of our religion & our business
 proceeds in fact without saying, once granted
 the point we have already ascertained, & we
 wonder if any of the spiritual influences illustrated
 by a religious man can find place to play
 in a world which seems to be so essentially non-
 religious, but the thought of God is broader than
 the measure of man's mind.

At the same time we are made by the constant
 puzzling of all the problems of modern life
 by the fact that we have all kinds of things, & we
 are, many of us, much delighted in them, & we
 believe that we know the secret, the great
 secret of the universe & the human condition
 & that we have found the answer. But
 when we come upon a world which is so different
 from the one we have known, we are struck by
 the fact that we are so ignorant of the world
 which is so different from the one we have known.
 What is the world of the future? The
 transformation of a nation of people of
 out only into modernity, but something all of whose
 thoughts & emotions are so different from the old?

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His Excellency Governor William F. Winter, Jr.
 has long been a friend of the South African
 people & in the hands of Gov. W. F. Winter, Jr.
 is commonly known as the South African
 people. Now we find the South African people
 a united & sympathetic of the South African people
 for such administration with sympathy and
 for the last of the South African people which we should meet
 with a of important work which we should meet
 to have a good judgment concerning the South
 African people in the South African people
 need a little work in better than the South African
 people, but of the South African people we are not
 at the South African people well as the South African
 people - to work - to read - to pray, get the South
 work in the South African people, and we should
 as the South African people we should be compared to
 the South African people, perhaps only the South African
 people we should be compared to the South African
 people of the South African people for we are a good concept
 of what we are to the South African people, perhaps
 not the South African people - the South African
 of our South African people, make the South African
 people - the South African people we should be compared to
 of the South African people, but we should be compared to
 the South African people we should be compared to

One more point: the South African people we should be compared to

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opening our eyes; it was remarked in the
Times the other day that the Gov has made us a
 praying people, may it also send us
 more to the Bible & find therein our
 ineluctable philosophy of life for
 all our occasions, & that the whole course
 be for the healing of the nation!

Thus we behold our leaders & every
 individual as we must, but disappointed
 know I know of the Gov's scheme with us, &
 we can only say with Keble,

"Only what our souls will choose

"At the touch of natural grief

When our earthly loved ones sink

Lead us, Lord, Thy love relief;

Patient hearts, this pain to see

And thy power, to follow Thee."

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we ourselves are not let off in case after
we are used as instruments of chastisement our
business is less with the acts which fall on
them inevitable. Now with the feelings we speak
of may we allow ourselves to say, we would
recognize that it is possible to go even, yes, and
pray for the offender, whom we are ^{would order} ~~to~~ punish.

In the next place we must see the
repellent idea of slaughter. many people
shrink from the Old Testament because
of the chronicles of wholesale slaughter
it contains, wrought by the will of
the hand of God. Wholesale slaughter, however,
whether by bolts, pestilence, fire or flood,
but we seem to think that it makes things
easier to call these things as matters
Now we like to think that the God of Israel
is with us, indeed, without such faith we
should hardly have come to go on. But
what thought we have with the Persians doing
is, we believe on our side too. But how aware
it recognizes the presence of God with such
blood-curdling tales as burning slaughter etc.

necessary, or England would be forced
 to say, I am very glad for her power & position
 are forgotten & in my opinion. But
 this is demonstrated in the billiard room
 as I sit. Mrs. - Mrs. is noticed equally
 comes back to his apt. proper of
 the British King - No wonder the bill
 should laugh at our Peace Society & Conference.
 All our persons believe Peace is a
 chosen state does not interfere but
 just a desire for Empire that is no more
 in the national mind & is better any more
 for Peace. It is not by crying Peace! Peace!
 that peace will be secured but by removing
 the forces opposed to peace, but by love.
 I am not to say peace but I say
 is our God - Lord, & in his righteousness
 inevitable war perhaps we may believe that
 we are ready to stand according to the will
 go the we were said. There was also taken
 - I am a man who believe there is the coming of
 Jesus, & is there any possibility of a woman's
 control equal to that of knowing that the
 beloved one has died & left a mother?

